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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH KING FAISAL

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1. AT SECRETARY'S REQUEST I GAVE BACKGROUND PRESS BRIEFING NOV 8, PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH KING, ON SAUDI POSITION ON OIL CUTBACKS AND OIL EMBARGO. SAUDI CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WHO WAS PRESENT, TOLD PRESS THAT BRIEFING WAS CLEAR STATEMENT OF SAUDI VIEWS.

2. THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE KING DURING CREDENTIALS CEREMONY AT PREVIOUS MEETING INCLUDED EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP FOR UNITED STATES, PRESIDENT NIXON AND ME PERSONALLY. THEY ALSO INCLUDED THE KING'S WELL-KNOWN VIEWS ON ISRAEL AND AMERICAN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL, AND HE REPEATED THE SAUDI POSITION ON OIL. FULL REPORT OF THE CEREMONY AND THE TALK IS FOLLOWING BY POUCH.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO SECRETARY'S VISIT WHEN I WAS ASKED BY PRESS IF KING'S VIEWS HAD CHANGED, I STATED ONLY THAT I WOULD NOT COMMENT ON ANY ASPECT OF THE
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SECRETARY'S TALKS; I WOULD NOT IMPLY IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY CHANGE IN SDUAI POSITION ON OIL, OR EVEN IF THE

SUBJECT HAD BEEN RAISED, AND THAT ANY QUESTIONS ON KING FAISAL TALK WOULD HAVE TO BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY HIMSELF. I HAVE INSTRUCTED ALL MEMBERS OF MY STAFF TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES AND AM SURE THEY HAVE.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF AT AIRPORT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE KING'S DEPARTURE REPEATED THE SAUDI STATEMENTS ON OIL AND SAID, OR AT LEAST IMPLIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO SOFTENING IN THE SAUDI POSITION.

5. I OF COURSE HAVE NEVER SAID PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY NOR DO I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL FACE "MANY COLD WINTERS." OUR VIEWS ON THIS POINT HAVE BEEN REPORTED SEPARATELY.
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